

Good News of the Kingdom – Luke 8:1-3

1) Good News of the Kingdom (Luke 4:43)

2) Misunderstanding (Acts 8:12; John 18:36; Luke 17:20-21)

3) Mary, Joanna, Susanna, and Others (Matthew 10:41-42)

The Gospel Message –

Romans 3:21-26 (ESV) *But now the righteousness of God has been manifested [made known through display] apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— 22 the righteousness of God **through faith** [placing trust] in Jesus Christ **for all who believe** [placed their trust in]. For there is no distinction: 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are **justified** [declared innocent] by his grace as a **gift**, through the **redemption** [the price paid for our sin] that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a **propitiation** [an appeasing sacrifice] by his blood, **to be received by faith**. This was to show God's righteousness [how good He is rather than how good we are], because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. 26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that **he might be just** [the one who is righteous] **and the justifier** [the one who is made righteous] **of the one who has faith in Jesus**.*

1 John 5:9-13 (ESV) *If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this **is the testimony of God** that he has borne concerning his Son. [if we trust what some folks say, we should trust God's word even more] 10 **Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself**. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. 11 And this is the testimony, that **God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son**. 12 **Whoever has the Son has life**; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13 I write these things **to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life**.*

“...Whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.” – **Matthew 10:42**